

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2, 3, and 6-19 are pending.

Claims 8-14 and 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second paragraph. It is noted with appreciation that claims 8-14 and 18-19 are otherwise deemed allowable.

It is noted with appreciation that claims 2-3, 6-7, and 15-17 are allowed over prior art of record.

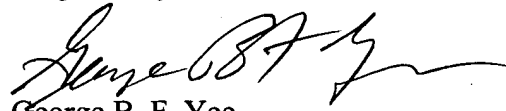
Claims 9-14, 18, and 19 have been amended to overcome the cited grounds for the Section 112 rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance and an action to that end is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

Respectfully submitted,



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